

## STP PROJECT SELECTION COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Thursday, July 18, 2024

9:30 AM

#### 1.0 Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 am by Chair Dobbs.

**Present:** Kama Dobbs, Dan Burke, Leon Rockingham, Jeffery Schielke, and Jeffrey Sriver

**Absent:** Grant Davis, and Mark Kuchler

**Non-Voting:** Heather Mullins, Jon Paul Diipla, and Tara Orbon

**Absent (NV):** Chad Riddle, and Mark Kane

Staff Present: John Carpenter, Ellis Combes, Teri Dixon, Doug Ferguson, Jon Haadsma, Aimee Lee, Jennifer Miller, Richard Norwood, Russell Pietrowiak, Mike Sobczak, Sarah Stolpe, Ryan Thompto, Isaura Velez

Others Present: Lukas Bettich, Dawn Dina, Drew Duffin, Jackie Forbes, Michael Fricano, Kate Horton, George Kandathil, Mark Kane, Mike Klemens, Gretchen Klock, Heidi Lichtenberger, Brittany Matyas, Matt Pasquini, Jada Porter, Leslie Rauer, Kris Skogsbakken, Joe Surdam

#### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

#### 3.0 Approval of Minutes - April 11, 2024

[24-303](#)

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

**Attachments:** [STP PSC Draft Minutes 04112024](#)

*A motion was made by Jeffery Schielke, seconded by Leon Rockingham, to approve the minutes of April 11, 2024 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.*

#### 4.0 Active Program Management Reports

##### 4.1 Shared Fund Status Updates

[24-290](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: Staff will review highlights of the attached active and contingency program status reports.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

**Attachments:** [FFY24-29 STP SF Status Report July 2024 Active](#)  
[FFY24-29 STP SF Status Report July 2024 Contingency](#)

Kama Dobbs provided highlights of the attached reports. There were no questions.

##### 4.2 Regional Accounting Update

[24-291](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: Staff will review highlights of the attached report summarizing the status of available, programmed, and obligated STP funds for the region, through July 1, 2024.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

**Attachments:** [STP Regional Accounting - July 2024](#)

Kama Dobbs reviewed highlights of the attached report. There were no questions.

**5.0 FFY 2026 - 2030 Program Development: Methodology Discussion****5.1 Bus Speed Improvement Projects**[24-292](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: Staff will review the attached memo regarding retention of this project category with no methodology changes.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

**Attachments:** [5.1 Bus Speed Improvement 2024 7 18](#)

Martin Menninger summarized the attached memo and stated that staff recommends retaining the Bus Speed Improvement project category despite the lack of recent submissions. There were no questions.

**5.2 Transit Station, Yard, or Terminal Improvements Projects**[24-293](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: Staff will review the recommendations outlined in the attached memo for minor modifications to the methodology for scoring "improvement" for yard or terminal projects.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

**Attachments:** [Transit Station, Yard, or Terminal Improvement Projects](#)

Jon Haadsma reviewed the recommendations outlined in the attached memo, noting that staff recommends that the efficiency component of the scoring criteria for transit yard and terminal projects be modified from the current reduction in non-revenue trips to a reduction in non-revenue miles. In response to a question from Ms. Orbon, Mr. Haadsma clarified that non-revenue trips occur when a rail yard is not located at the beginning of the line causing trains to travel without passengers from the yard to the first station being served. He noted the proposed change will better capture the operational efficiencies realized by relocation of yards or terminals. In response to a question from Mr. Sriver, Mr. Haadsma stated that staff will talk to transit agencies about the proposed change in the coming weeks. Chair Dobbs added that utilize distance is a more consistent approach across all transit lines. Mayor Rockingham voiced support for modifying scoring to better assess these projects.

**5.3 Transportation Impact: Household/Job Impact**[24-294](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: Staff will review the attached memo discussing potential changes to the Household/Job Impact scoring criteria.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

**Attachments:** [STPPSC MethodologyMemo Jobs+HH \(2024\)](#)

Doug Ferguson summarized the attached memo noting that under the existing scoring criteria, jobs and households were combined into a single core, and that under the staff proposal they will be separated out into individual scores. Mr. Ferguson stated that staff believes the change will be more equitable across the region and will still serve to elevate projects that are more regional in nature. Mayor Rockingham voiced support for the proposed change. Chair Dobbs added that staff believes that projects in the more dense areas of the region will still end up scoring higher, but that this change will help the more dense areas within less dense areas of the region score higher than projects in less dense portions of those same areas. Ms. Orbon added this change will give those areas a competitive advantage without moving the needle largely in one direction or the other. Mr. Burke stated that CDOT also supports the proposed change.

**5.4 Resilience Planning Factor**[24-295](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: Staff will present a proposal for modifications to the resilience planning factor to incorporate data from the Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan (TRIP) that is currently under development.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

Kate Evasic explained staff's proposed modification to the resilience planning factor scoring to incorporate data from the Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan (TRIP). The modified resilience scoring will include an emphasis on flooding, storm water management, and heat. In response to a question from Mr. Sriver, Ms. Evasic noted that the scoring for transit resilience to heat includes stations and track. Mr. Sriver also noted that the current assessment is for facility resilience instead of network resilience, and asked if there is a way for network resiliency to be addressed. Ms. Evasic replied that while there is not a formal method for scoring a project's contribution to network resiliency, the application will continue to allow sponsors to write in a justification for consideration of network resiliency. Chair Dobbs added that the TRIP is still under development and the scoring will evolve as that is completed. Ms. Orbon commented that having participated in exploratory sessions for the TRIP process, the TRIP team has done a wonderful job and she is looking forward to seeing the results.

## 6.0 Other Business

Mayor Schielke commented on the rapid growth of his municipality and the region as a whole. He noted he has been seeing many new residential units being built in Batavia, Huntley, and Hampshire and raised several reasons people have given him for moving to the area. He added that he is pleased the committee meeting is discussing growth. Chair Dobbs added that this is a great illustration of the whole process of long-range planning, including how the region deals with ongoing changes through input from committee members by incorporating them into the project selection process.

## 7.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

## 8.0 Next Meeting

Chair Dobbs proposed to the committee that the next meeting be rescheduled for August 29, 2024 and requested that members contact staff if this date will not work.

## 9.0 Adjournment

*A motion was made by Jeffery Schielke, seconded by Leon Rockingham, to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.*

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by Richard Norwood.